

REMARKS

I. Election of Claim Group I

Applicants elect to continue prosecution with the Group I claims 1 to 11 and 14 to 18. This election is made without traversal.

As to the further restriction within Group I, applicants select the androgen receptor for further prosecution. The election of the androgen receptor for further prosecution is also made without traversal.

Claims 1 to 9 and 14 to 18 have been amended so that they are limited to androgen receptor. Also dependent claims 10 and 11 have been canceled because of the limitation of claim 1 to androgen receptor.

New dependent claims 23 to 30 have been added. These new dependent claims are claims that depend on Group I claims and are thus Group I claims.

Also the abstract of the disclosure has also been amended in a manner similar to amended claim 1.

II. Provisional Election of Species

In response to the requirement to elect a particular species of cell type applicants provisionally elect the nerve cells.

In response to the requirement to elect a particular species of measurement method applicants provisionally elect RT-PCR.

However in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.141 if a generic claim (such as the current claim 1) for the Group I invention, namely the method of determining

RECT A/ABLE COPY

hormonal effects of substances, is found to be allowable, corresponding allowance of a reasonable number of dependent claims for cell types and particularly methods of measuring is respectfully requested.

III. Claims Readable on the Provisionally Elected Species

New claims 23 to 26 read on the provisionally elected cell species, namely nerve cells. New claims 27 to 30 read on the provisionally elected species of measuring method, namely RT-PCR. In other words, these new dependent claims are limited to the provisionally elected species.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawing be further amended or corrected in formal respects to put this case in condition for final allowance, then it is requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment and the case passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing the case to allowance, he or she is invited to telephone the undersigned at 1-631-549 4700.

In view of the foregoing, favorable allowance is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael J. Striker,

Attorney for the Applicants

Reg. No. 27,233

BEST AVAILABLE COPY